

**TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS
MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Town Worksession**

Present: Mayor Martin, Councilmember Waiters, Councilmember Dodson, Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka, Councilmember Keith, Councilmember Burley
Absent: Councilmember Saunders

Opening

Prayer Mayor Lillie Thompson Martin

Police Department Report – Chief Stephen Watkins

Report on file

- Recovered auto on J Street
- Assault on 5300 block of Sheriff Road was closed with an arrest.
- Vehicle impoundment on Addison Road.
- Had a number of warning violations and citations issued.
- E-tickets are now official
- We're getting away from hand written citations, we have equipment in place.
- There was a shooting Friday night it started at Ebony Inn, individual was shoot in parking lot across the street, individual was shot in the leg.
- Hosted PGC Chiefs Association, the meeting was a success. Mrs. Syphax contributed \$300.00 to the event.

Chief Watkins

Thanked Mayor Martin for her statements during the Prince George's County Chief's Association Meeting.

Mrs. Walker

Thanked Mayor Martin for the support she has given her and they discussed the transition.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Walker

During a good job staying within our budget.

- Received about 75% of income so far, expenses 60%.
 - We need to take a look at the speed camera, after the traffic study come back.
 - Election - nothing has been spent yet, we have not paid anything toward the election yet.
 - Legislative Department only spent 50 % of budget projected.
 - Have 7 people who requested to go to the MML Conferences.
 - Municipal Building and Grounds - 70% of what we budgeted so far. Addressing the hot water heater pump.
 - Got two of the five computers we budgeted for.
- Had a number of warning violations and citations issued.
- E-tickets are now official
 - Would like to bring one full time officer.

- Over spent for vehicle maintenance
- Only at 60% Public Safety in the budget.
- 70% Public Works, need to get safety training and equipment they need to have.
- Supervisors are responsible for all equipment.
- Traffic study closing date is getting closer.
- Pocket Park – closing date getting closer.
- Have to establish account for Highway User.
- Have to do new signature cards for the new Mayor and new signers.

Code Enforcement Report – Mr. Pinkney

Report on file

Mayor and Council - discussed and agreed on getting a credit card for the Town.

Mrs. Sarumi

Report on file

It's time to renew policy with LGIT. You will find LGIT Travelers Insurance forms in your boxes. Please fill out and return the application.

March 25, we had a Staff meeting discussed evaluations.

Mrs. Walker – asked to be excused for the Town Meeting.

Mayor Martin's

-What is the pleasure of the Council in attending the Black Mayor's Gala, on May 1.

Mayor Martin

Is everyone in agreement in attending the Black Mayor's Gala.

The Council - replied, yes.

CDC – Mrs. Daisy Capers

-Introduced Joseph Thomas – Secretary

-Johnny Saxton – Vice President, Mr. Saxton and members of the CDC came to present a package to Mrs. Walker. The contents include the Board of Director's, the 501-C 3 letters, Realtor records, the EIN number, State of Maryland license and the article of Incorporation, Town license and the CDC Bylaws.

Mr. Johnny Saxton - read the CDC's Mission and Purpose for the community.

- Our purpose is for formation in this community.

-We have partnered with First Baptist of Fairmount Heights.

-The CDC would like to benefit this neighborhood as a historic venue.

Mrs. Sarumi

How to maintain the historic properties in Town. Workshop on May 2 from 9:00 – 12:00 to inform residents about historic value.

Councilmember Waiters

-Spoke on guidelines for preventing changes from taking place because of its Historic nature.

-We have guidelines for Historic Preservation.

Councilmember Ukkundo"Ohwaka

-Need to find owner's of historic properties in Fairmount History.

Mayor Martin's Update

-Received a letter from Forestville Maryland for Fairmount Heights Warriors. Mr. Cunningham sent this letter. The AAU Football Club formed a Fairmont Heights Warriors Team. They would like to meet with the Mayor and Council and asked if there could be a Fairmount Heights Day to pass out flyers.

-Registrations are done for the hotel, the contact person is Dawn at the Princess Bayside.

-Department of Housing and Community Development, information in package is having some public hearing dates, the five year planning meeting, it's on the back of printout.

-Letter about 2.3 million dollar grant from Maryland Department of Transportation, they will comment on the fixed routes for bus transit services. They want input from this, there is a number you can call.

-Historic plaques that can be purchased. Applications for people who have historic homes and would like a plaque. Mr. Burgess will be here on Saturday, May 2.

-Homeowners will pay \$100.00 the balance will be paid by the County.

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka

Complaints about how the flag is hanging, it need to be raised on the Monument.

Mrs. Sarumi

We need to get money or grant for the VFW benches.

Councilmember Waiters

-Easter Egg hunt was very successful. We started 3 years ago with 60 parents and children. The second year it increased to 118 and the third year it increased to 162. UCAP gave us a donation for the event.

Councilmember Dodson

-A membership program with a cost of \$59.00 a year. Website www.naeir.org, can get free supplies and merchandise through Gateway Village to join. They have an overstock of clothes and we could get supplies for the office.

-Talked to the Band about attending Fairmount Heights Day on August 8, 2015.

-Suggested days for sidewalk sales and a Community Free Day on June 13th from 10-4.

Proposing June 13th for the Community Day.

Dates May 9, June 13 and July 18, tables will be charged.

June 13 was the date suggested after discussion with the Council. June 13 will be the free Community Day that will be held in your driveways.

Councilmember Keith

No Report

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka

No Report

Councilmember Burley

No Report

Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Dodson and second by Councilmember
Ukkundo'Oohwaka
Adjourned at 9:55 pm

JoAnn Tucker, Town Clerk